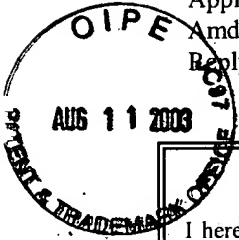


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Lugo:

In response to an Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, Applicant herewith responds within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action and respectfully requests entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks:

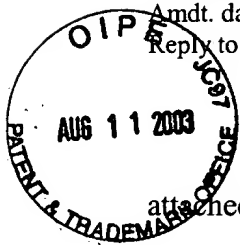
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.

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